

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 31, 32, 36, 39, 53, 54, 58, and 61 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 31, 32, 36, 39, 53, 54, and 58 are amended. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18-30, 33-35, 37, 38, 40-52, 55-57, 59, and 60 are cancelled. No claims are added.

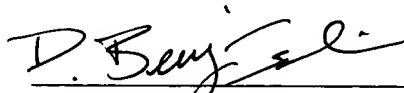
In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("BPAI") issued March 30, 2006, the BPAI ruled that the rejections of claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 31, 32, 36, 39, 53, 54, 58, and 61 were improper and failed to sustain these rejections. Claim 61 was an independent claim, and therefore was allowable in light of the Decision by the BPAI. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 31, 32, 36, 39, 53, 54, and 58 depended from rejected claims. In the listing of the claims above, Applicants have rewritten claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 31, 32, 36, 39, 53, 54, and 58 in independent form. Accordingly, these claims are now also allowable. Therefore, all of the claims currently pending in this application are in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is anticipated.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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